



VOTES FOR WOMEN

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Old Man: "I'm thinking that before we see you next year amongst us you'll have the vote."

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

One of the most significant features of the present day is the new spirit that has arisen in women. No longer are they content to sit down under injustice, but with growing solidarity and courageous enterprise they are protesting actively against it. Quite apart from the merits of the case or the wisdom of the measures taken, the women's recent strike in the East End for better wages, and the "House-

wives' Strike" in France against dear food, are in themselves remarkable evidence of this new spirit.

The Rising of Women.

In the East End the women obtained certain concessions, although they do not yet receive anything like equal pay for equal work, as compared with men. In France the riots are still going on. In one town twelve hundred women seized provisions from the shops and paid for them what they considered a fair price; in another a crowd of women are reported to have pillaged the market; at Douai a procession of indignant housewives was led by a woman carrying a banner; at Roubaix eight women with children entered the Town Hall and insisted on having an interview with the mayor. Everywhere it is women who are protesting against dear food. In history men have often rioted when the price of living became impossible. But men are now organised in trades unions and have the lever of the vote. When a country becomes civilised enough to grant votes to its women, and they learn how to use them, methods of riot and pillage will no longer be resorted to.

Women's Deputation in Turkey.

The East is awakening! That is shown by one piece of news after another. Last week we referred to Persia, where the suggestion that women should have votes was actually raised in Parliament. This week the news comes that for the first time in the history of Turkey a deputation of women has been received by the Sultan. The chief demands were greater freedom for the leaders of the Women's Reform Movement, and permission to carry on clubs for women. The Sultan, remembering, no doubt, how much the Young Turk Movement owed to women, promised to do all he could to improve their lot.

Women's Interests in Men's Hands.

The position of women taxpayers—apart from the fact that they are unrepresented—is, in some cases, a peculiarly unjust one. There are many special and technical

disabilities (see p. 779) which are not generally known, and to put these before the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the one person who should be ready to listen to them, the Women's Tax Resistance League asked Mr. Lloyd George to receive a deputation, and, at his request, sent him details of specific cases. Five months have elapsed and so far Mr. Lloyd George has not troubled to hear the voice of voteless women.

Interested Philanthropy.

Women have often been inclined to doubt the pure philanthropy of the tendency to restrict their labour. "For the sake of the women and children," the married woman is to be kept at home with no power to earn, and therefore often no money to buy food. It is interesting to have, on the authority of Dr. Greenwood, the opinion delivered at the Royal Sanitary Institute's Congress that, "As a result of investigation I came to the conclusion that no case had been made out for the further restrictive legislation in the prohibition of employment of women in the cotton mills of Blackburn."

Two Suffragist Cardinals.

We alluded recently to Cardinal Moran's inspiring words on Woman Suffrage. His belief in it was shared by the late Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster, who said:—

I believe that the extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to women upon the same conditions as it is held by men would be a just and beneficial measure, tending to raise rather than to lower the course of national legislation.

Item of Interest.

The Senate of Illinois (U.S.A.) has passed a Suffrage Bill which provides that any town or city may, by referendum, allow women to vote for all offices save those of police magistrate and justices of the peace.

THE MASQUE OF WOMEN.

(With Apologies to Swinburne, via R. K.)

By Margaret Kilroy Kenyon.

ARGUMENT:—The Anti-Suffrage League, at the instigation of the Liberal Government, makes an Inquiry into the Condition of the Women of England, and finds all well, women most contented and none desirous of THE VOTE—with negligible exceptions.

SCENE:—The Englishman's CASTLE—HIS HOME. The Incarnation of the Anti-Suffrage Spirit, habillé à la Turque, sings—to a gentle accompaniment of a humming sewing machine with distant clash of dishes—

(Allegro.)

How sweet is the life of the Woman at Home,
For she really has all that she wishes,
She can dust, sweep and cook, mend the stockings and rock
Her dear babe, when she's not washing dishes!
(*con amore*)—Smile, sweet babe, mother's washing the dishes!

SPIRIT OF MRS. H-M-HREY W-ED.

(Sings.) Now hear our proposition,
We've made an inquisition
Into the Real Condition
Of Woman-kind to-day.

The Suffragettes hysterical
Make claims that are chimerical,
But they've no strength numerical,
And soon will pass away.

We've studied physiology,
And likewise sociology;
We're sure of our psychology,
So hear our roundelay.

CHORUS of Liberal Ministers (*as the Antis line up, bearing notes, petitions, etc., showing result of their labours.*)

(*Ben marcato.*—Unison.)

What is the state of the Women? Tell us
their occupation?

Hi! Get along! We've no time to waste.
Hand out your information.

Don't talk of spinsters, or women who work;
Their place is the Home as we learn from
the Turk.

Have you canvassed meek wives who know
men are their lords?

Who count men's approbation the first of rewards?
Trot out your information
About the occupation,
The sweet and soft elation
Of women unnotorious
With characters laborious
And habits meritorious;

(Harmony.)

For of such are the Strength of the Nation
and the Glory of their Sex.

INTERLUDE.—(*From Nowhere in Particular, dimmed by the Noise of Machinery.*)

Our children starve before our weary eyes,
Their mouths are empty and we have no bread;
We do the work without the Weekly Wage
Of Husbands who are dead.

The darkest dregs of Infamy we drink,
But our betrayers bear no breath of shame;
And when from life itself we dare to shrink
'Tis men who most do blame.

The day is all too short to forge the chain;
Two thousand blows may bring us eighteenpence.
We know no time for weakness—only Pain—
Until we go from hence.

Our bare subsistence wage we cannot raise;
No higher grades of work may we annex.
This is the Law—that Men so greatly praise
For Us—The Weaker Sex!

We work beside our brothers, share their toil,
Finish it with them in the selfsame way;
But at the Week-end, when we share the spoil,
We get but half their Pay.

Work, Sisters, work! But put no faith in Men.
They talk most wisely; our mistakes they tell;
They make the laws that stifle us, and then
They blame when we rebel.

Look forward! We have learnt through darkest days
The Shame of Meekness. Not obedient, we,
In future, in the old submissive ways,
For Women must be free.

SEMI-CHORUS. (*Dolce.*)

From our sisters, not from men
Comes our Hope.

They have trod the Prison Pen
Towards the Dawn.

Understanding half, we grope

Where they smile on us forlorn;

They are mightier than the Spirit of the Men.

(*Soft Music is drowned in loud Triumphant Chorus of the Antis, who dance round a doll clothed with jewels and gold chains, symbolic of Woman beneath Man's chivalrous treatment.*)

(*fff.*)

We have seen, we have canvassed; behold us,
The proofs of our toil in our hands.

The names of the sweated Sukies who said "yes"
to all our demands.

We have said of the Vote, "Who wants it?";
of Starvation, "Tis not in our ken."

We have also the witnessed verdict of the Wives
of Affluent Men.

We have been, of course, to the Factories, and
the Owners say all is well.

The happy Condition of Women is more than we
ever can tell!

(*Quick Time.*)

Oh! the Wife and the Maid and the Servant
slightly paid,

And the Mother's Help so free,
And the Millgirl and the Teacher, and—oh, every
female creature

Is as happy as can be!

Sure the pale Girl in the Store wouldn't wish
to ask for more,

And the Uniform seamstress, too,
By the Favour of the Men they are pleased and
pleased again.

It's true! It's true! It's true!

It's true! It's true! It's true!

Hired BRASS Band of Duly Tamed DEPENDANT
RELATIONS.

God bless the men

Who are our Rich Relations;

They teach us Poor Women

About our Proper Stations.

We have our Proper Stations,

In spite of exclamations

About some odd starvations

And some intimidations.

The Suffragettes, they shock us so,

Their wild claims seem to mock us so.

We have, we have,—we're TOLD we have

WE HAVE our Proper Stations!

(*Agitato Furioso.*)

It's true, and you can't deny,

Or you tell a wicked lie:

Women are women and men are men,

It is so now and it was so then,

And it will be so, again and again;

We can't get away from women and men,—

The Weakness of Women, the strength of men,

And women have CHILDREN, unlike the men,

And the strength of a man is the strength of ten—

So women OUGHT to be put in a pen

For ever and ever and ever. Amen!

CHORUS OF CRYSTALLISED FACTS.

Before the Beginning of years

There came to the Rule of the State

Men preaching Women's Fears,

Men in their Aggregate;

—sq—th, with Gl—dst—n— for leaven,

Ll—d G—rg— with B—rns as well,

Cr—m—r, with his Eastern Heaven,

And Ch—rch—ll, torturing like H—ll!

And they gaily began to talk

Of babes, and things of that ilk,

And the measure of sifted chalk

The milkman puts in his milk;

How a mother and child should sleep,

And of married women's work,

And vaccination, cheap,

That only a Father can shirk.

And fashioned with pens and paper,

And fashioned in Black and White,

With sneers for the Feminine caper

And power to the Masculine Might,

With the VOTE to enforce his contentions

That his strength might never fail—

With the very best of intentions

The solely enfranchised male.

Women worked in the North and the East,
But first they were taught by rote—

What they also heard from the Priest—

That a woman must not vote.

And man-made laws were wrought

For the needs of the women within;

A Magistrate's hearing in court,

And advice to bear—and to grin!

They heard, "Men must go their ways,"

And "Nature you cannot fight."

While the DOUBLE STANDARD wins praise

Since might is the only right.

Her speech is of wageless working,

To the law, she doth not exist,

In her heart is a sense of shirking

And knowledge she MUST resist.

She suffers, and hates submission;

She thinks, and sees growing clear

Her life has been one intermission

Between a sneer and a sneer.

POLITICAL PICKPOCKETS.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—By the passing of the Parliament Bill into law the House of Commons stands to-day in a position of supremacy which it has never before occupied in our Constitutional history. In all money matters the House has now asserted its divine right of freedom from hindrance or control, and its very first act, under this new assertion of its powers, has been to pick the pockets of the unrepresented women of this country in order that it may fill its own.

The House of Commons has thus taken up the position once claimed for the Crown by Charles I. at the time when "forced loans," "benevolences," and the conversion of "ship-money" into a form of general taxation drove Hampden to the resistance which has made his name famous and dear to the hearts of Englishmen. In those days the Crown was fortified by long-standing custom, by precedent, and by prerogatives (non-existent to-day), which gave a more legal complexion to its exactions than now appears. It had behind it as many centuries of usage as the House of Commons has behind it to-day. To those whose interests were bound up with the Crown its action even appeared correct and constitutional; but whatever the letter of its authority, the revolt of Hampden proved more in keeping with the spirit of the Constitution; and though Hampden had to suffer imprisonment, and though at his trial the decision of the Court went against him, Hampden's cause was won; for whatever the law might say, it had become clearly fixed in the minds of Englishmen that the only true sanction of Government lay in its representative character, and where representation was denied all moral sanction of Government ceased.

The tyranny of the Crown in the 17th century, based as it then was on precedent and custom, has its parallel to-day in the tyranny of the House of Commons towards the women whose enfranchisement it still delays, and from whom—while this delay goes on—it exacts subsidies for fresh purposes as to which their consent has not been sought. And so we have had recently the spectacle of Adult Suffragists, who regard the present electoral basis as insufficient and unjust, using the authority thus insufficiently and unjustly derived to vote money into their own pockets from the one statutorily excluded section of the community whom, by no possible stretch of terms, can they be said to represent. Scarcely less disconcerting is the fact that members of Parliament, who profess themselves ardent Suffragists, allow without protest a motion that the enfranchisement of women should precede payment of members to be crowded out by the operation of the closure, and then, accepting the abomination, vote with their party for an act the dishonesty of which that motion was set out to expose!

It is such object-lessons as these which make true Suffragists despair of securing honest political action from members of Parliament who are ruled by party interests and the pressure of a one-sided electorate, and which make it more incumbent upon us than ever to prepare for the crucial moment when Hampden's example may have to be followed throughout the length and breadth of the country, in order to make our politicians realise (by its results in suffering and imprisonment to those who resist its claims) that taxation without representation is tyranny, and can only be enforced, where the sense of freedom is alive, by odious and tyrannical means.—Yours, etc.,

Laurence Housman.

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Already many inquiries are being made as to when the weekly free meetings will re-commence. Readers are reminded that the London meetings will be resumed at the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, on Monday, October 2, and they are asked to make this widely known. It can be done so easily when writing and talking to friends; tell them you want them to keep the afternoon of Monday, October 2, free. Weekly free meetings are also held in all centres throughout the country where the Union is represented, and particulars of these may be found on pages 785 and 786.

Albert Hall Meeting, November 16.

Referring to former Albert Hall meetings, *The Queen* says:—"These demonstrations have been events apart, and of them the W.S.P.U. may always well be proud." Members will realise, therefore, that there is a high standard to be maintained, and it is confidently expected that when they realise this and that it is on them the success of the great Albert Hall meeting on Thursday, November 16, depends, they will take a certain number of tickets for sale among friends and outsiders. Tickets—Prices: Stalls 2s. 6d.; arena, Blocks A and F, 2s.; Blocks B, C, D, and E, 1s.; Balcony, first two rows 1s., other rows 6d.; upper orchestra, 6d.; boxes, £1 10s., £1 1s., and 12s. 6d.—may be had of Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

A HIGHLAND MEETING.

An Impression.

A still summer evening. "twixt the gloaming and the mirk." The sun has long since gone down behind the purple hills, only a pale golden gleam still lingers in the western sky. High up in the tall pine trees a faint breeze makes soft music—a delicate monotone almost too sweet and faint for human ears; music, it might well be, tuned by invisible hands to the mystic revels of gnomes and fairies. Down in the village where men have built their dwellings close together, moved by some instinctive dread of being alone with the strange silence of the hills and the still stranger music of the pine woods, there is an unwonted stir and excitement. It radiates from within the square, grey walls of the town hall whose ugliness leads the soul with gloom. An eager, jostling, laughing crowd of human beings surge within it and overflow into the street—bronzed, bearded men looking sheepish and self-conscious; young girls hiding their real interest behind a foolish giggle; older women with patient, lined faces wearing a look of curious expectancy. What have they come out to see? A woman, whose name for good or evil has penetrated to the remotest croft in the glen; a woman who has been reviled as a virago by her enemies, branded as a common criminal, and, by those who love her, almost worshipped as the champion of womanhood. The girls whisper and titter. One woman, bolder than the rest, dares to give utterance to the theory that women, who pay rates and taxes ought to have votes. Immediately, and with the air of one who has produced an unanswerable argument, a man at her elbow asks how women are going to get votes by knocking down policemen or stealing Cabinet Ministers' babies? One old man refers furtively, from time to time, to a piece of paper, whereon are inscribed various crushing and unanswerable questions with which he means to confront the leader of the militant suffragettes. He has a reputation to maintain, having been by common consent awarded the palm for "heckling" at political meetings. On more than one occasion, aspirants for Parliamentary honours have gone down like nine-pins before his searching and unanswerable questions, floundering hopelessly in their endeavours to disentangle themselves from the mesh cunningly prepared for them. He feels to-night that the eye of the village is upon him. He is their champion "heckler," and it behoves him to make this occasion an historic one in the annals of the town. A thrill of pleasurable excitement lightens the countenance of the younger members of the closely-packed audience. What will she be like? Will she look like a lady? Impossible thought! Will she lose her temper? Do suffragettes smash windows everywhere, or is it just in London? They vibrate pleasantly between hope and fear. Supposing Mrs. Pankhurst should get excited? Then a disappointing thing happens. A fragile-looking, quietly-dressed woman walks on to the platform, accompanied by her chairman. Is this Mrs. Pankhurst? A gentle sigh of unfulfilled expectation from the audience, as the creature of their imagination, the tall, masculine-looking woman with flaming eyes and strident gesture, dies a sudden and dramatic death. She rises to speak but, just before opening her lips, her eyes rest for a moment with a curious, wistful sweetness upon her audience. It is as if she were silently praying that she might find words that would reach their hearts. Under the spell of that beautiful direct gaze some of the outer crust of their hostility melts. The men shift uneasily in their places; some of the women smile encouragingly. Then she begins. Quietly and with an even voice she tells them of the things which have led her to give her life to the cause of Woman Suffrage. She tells them of the injustices women suffer under the existing marriage and divorce laws; the frightful poverty of the sweated women workers; the hideous cruelties involved in the traffic in young girls' lives. With irresistible logic she points to the possession of the vote by women as the one and only means of curing these evils. She has no set, prepared speech, no ambitious flights of oratory. But out of the depths of her own passionate sincerity she speaks words—superbly simple, superbly true-burning words—that go straight to the hearts of her hearers. Her deep, rich voice thrills and breaks, as she tells of the wrongs inflicted on women in the past—still inflicted in the present. It is as if all the tears ever shed by innocent womanhood had been gathered up into her heart.

Her delicate, sensitive face flushes, and from her eyes there radiates "the light that never was on land or sea," that rare light which comes only to the faces of those who live in close and constant communion with a great idea. And her hearers? Like frost before sunshine, their reserve melts and vanishes. The deeply-furrowed face of the old heckler becomes fierce and rigid in his vain endeavour to appear unmoved. Piece by piece in tiny fragments his paper of cunningly prepared questions drops to the floor and his shaggy, overhanging eyebrows cannot hide the unwonted moisture in his eyes. There are no tears in the eyes of the women. "Thoughts too deep for tears" surge in their heart and make the red blood flow to their cheek. The men think with a new tenderness and reverence of their mothers asleep in the old churchyard. Under the spell of this woman's words, their quickened imaginations seem to see all women transfigured—no longer beasts of burden or the irresponsible companions of man's less serious moments, but human beings with souls that strive to rise but cannot; like wounded birds beating with feeble wings against the cold, hard earth. And it is they themselves who in their folly and unthinking cruelty hold the woman soul in fetters. Dimly the horror of it penetrates their awakened understandings. The speaker has finished. There are no questions. Silently and reverently they file out into the night, where high up in the gloomy pine trees the breeze still makes mystic melody and the stars shine tenderly down upon the everlasting hills.

M. MCP.

A correspondent sends us her own translation of the following lines:—
Mais l'ami, mais le père, o justice éternelle,
Pourquoi n'est-il pas là, flétri, brisé comme elle?
S'est-il du noir cachot évadé par hasard?
Non. Il est au café comme à son ordinaire.
Quand il aura fini de jouer au billard
Il prendra le journal et lira cette affaire.
But he, lover and father, Eternal Justice, tell
Why he is not with her, the broken flower?
With calculating guile has he escaped the cell?
—Not so. At his accustomed hour
He saunters round the table with his cue
Then reads how this poor girl met shame and rue.

SOME PRESS COMMENTS.

ECHOES OF JUNE 17.

Saturday, June 17, 1911, was a day when history was made. The most hardened prejudice melted before the procession of the women who demand votes. I have not yet quite recovered from what I saw. No man who has any capacity to think at all could be other than impressed with it. The Coronation of the King was gorgeous, great; but this procession of women was something that baffles description. It gave us a picture of what is taking place in the heart and mind of women all over the world, and as I looked at the Indian Continent I had dreams of their emancipation I could not translate. I stood in Brompton Road for three hours watching 60,000 women, five abreast, march past. I experienced most various feelings. I felt the throb of a great human movement. One minute I was laughing, another I was indignant, another I felt I wanted to run to the back of the crowd and cry. No man who loves his mother and saw that procession will ever be able to laugh at "Votes for Women." There is a deep world-wide meaning in their struggle, and the end of it will result in vast changes in society. This procession reflected as in a mirror the genius of women for organisation, order, dignity, reverence, self-control. Every class of woman was represented—from the aristocracy to the women who earn 2d. per hour. They seemed to say—"We, the women of the world, your mothers, sisters, future wives, ask to take our part in moulding the destinies of it. Brothers, there are some things you can do that we cannot, but other things lie within our sphere. We claim to think for ourselves, and mould our thoughts into deeds. We march, march, march, from a past filled with pain, bondage, and tyranny, to joy and love, and liberty!" Such was the latent meaning of this magnificent demonstration. . . . This movement, I am convinced, is just, and if just, it will conquer. The Government should pass the Bill demanded this session, and save a lot of friction and trouble.

W.W. in the United Free Church Magazine.

It is interesting to read in the well-known German paper, *Neue Freie Presse*, a sympathetic account of the Procession. It is described as one of the most imposing and impressive pictures that London has ever seen—a worthy commencement of the Coronation festivities. After two columns of description, the article ends:—"The huge Albert Hall was absolutely crowded. Even the mere curious onlooker in the street felt that he was taking part in something which he had never in his life realised before, but those who take an interest in politics saw the great train of women in the light of the great probability that the next Parliament of Britain would be elected also by women."

To have to wait five hours for a procession which goes past you in two minutes is a little bit disappointing. However, the King and Queen were there, with Bobs and Kitchener, not to mention General Botha, and that made up for everything. We do not think the crowd would have grumbled if the seven-mile procession of Suffragists which paraded London last Saturday week had been put on again to head the Royal Progress. The Suffragists would have been pleased to come, and the crowds would have enjoyed themselves to the top of their bent. At the next Coronation—which we devoutly hope is a great way off—the women of England will probably be present, not only with their banners but with their votes.

—Penny Illustrated Paper.

Never in my life within the space of three hours have I passed through so many varied emotions. Never in sober earnestness have I seen anything which impressed me so profoundly.

—EDWARD STORER in The Commentator.

Certain great demonstrations held by this society in the Albert and Exeter Halls have been events apart. Of these the W.S.P.U. may always well be proud; as, indeed, it may be of the concentration and the great ability of its leaders, of its cleverly edited newspaper, and of much beside.

—The Queen.

THE MOVEMENT.

When the history of the Suffragist movement comes to be written.

When the hurly-burly's done,
When the battle's lost and won,

it will probably be found that some of the indirect and incidental results of the campaign have been scarcely less important than the actual object for which the pioneers of the women's movement have been fighting so strenuously for the past few years. The agitation in favour of "Votes for Women" has aroused the reforming zeal of many earnest workers, who have frequently succeeded in directing public attention to blot on our national life which might have been otherwise overlooked. The movement in favour of prison reform, for example, has received a remarkable impetus from the revelations of the Suffragists who have suffered gladly for the cause they had at heart. The writings and speeches of Annie Kenny, the eloquent Lancashire factory lass, have set forth in bold relief some of the inherent defects of the modern penal system. Similarly—and in quite another direction—the thoughtful articles and speeches of Mrs. Pethick Lawrence have aroused public interest in what we might term the economic aspect of the Suffragist movement.

—Aberdeen Evening Gazette.

NEW METHODS.

It was this outrageous treatment which caused Mrs. Pankhurst and her supporters to form her now world-famed militant organisation, and use the methods of Englishmen in a political fight. However much the adoption of these by women may be condemned, the fact stands and always will stand, that they are responsible for the present status of the suffrage movement in Great Britain. The old methods were needed to break down prejudice, educate the people, prove the ability of women, and show the justice of their cause; but after this had been accomplished there still remained the adamant wall of Politics between them and the franchise. To demolish this required different weapons, and these have been used so effectively that it is now about to fall. That this is due to the "militant" suffragettes has

been clearly indicated by the letters and despatches from London for the past year or two, and those sent over since this last vote in the House of Commons particularly emphasise this fact.

—IDA HUSTED HARPER in Harper's Bazaar.

PURE FOOD.

The active and intelligent co-operation of its women seems a necessity if any satisfactory and far-reaching food reform is to be effected in this country. Neither men nor women have a monopoly of common sense, political wisdom, nor moral virtues, but each sex tends to look at many matters from its own standpoint. The time has come when the true dignity and usefulness of the women's domestic work should be realised, when her opinions in connection with it should be ascertained and consulted and due respect paid to her for its performance. If the nation would only trust and honour its women it would soon reap its reward in the women's greatly quickened sense of their responsibility for all that relates to the comfort and well-being of the home. When women obtain the power and educative influence of the vote the attack on food abuses will be greatly strengthened, the demand for purer food will become irresistible, and the interests of the trader will be balanced by those of the housekeeper and homemaker, and before long the conditions in England will be such as to make it possible for every man and woman to realise the truly Christian ideal, "a healthy mind in a healthy body."

Methodist Times.

MRS. PANKHURST.

In the course of a sketch of Mrs. Pankhurst, R. J. Bryce writes in the *East of Life Record*:—"There are those who blame the Suffragettes for their violence, their vulgarity, their un ladylike methods. There are others who cast upon them a contemptuous pity which is summed up in the blessed word 'hysteria.' These people forget at least two things; that nearly every great and liberal movement has been violent and vulgar—such as the Reformation and Chartism—and that every martyr was hysterical, for the confusion of hysteria with mysticism is so complete in this materialistic age that these terms have become synonymous. One other thing have the condemnors and the sneers forgotten: that Mrs. Pankhurst is both a Savonarola and a Molke. The horror at woman's lot—studied painfully and at first hand—has sunk into her soul and scared it. She is crucified daily. The blazing sense of a blazing injustice has uplifted her, and would to God that more of us had the capacity, the unselfish spirit, to be touched, yes crucified, by the feeling of the infirmities of others."

After all the harder the fight the more brilliant the victory. There is at least one section of humanity who do not believe in the word "can't," or they would have laid down their arms long ago—and they are the Suffragettes. The more reverses they get the fiercer they fight. Why should not intelligent women have as much right to a voice in the governing of the country as the illiterate labouring man, who takes one particular side of politics for no better reason than because his father and grandfather upheld that side before him?

—Isle of Wight Advertiser.

It is sometimes argued that the Bill will revolutionise our political system. Women who pay rates vote for the election of town councillors, and nothing sensational happens. Why, then, should it be anticipated that the addition of a small number of women to the Parliamentary register will change the character of the House of Commons?

—Newcastle Daily Journal.

One of the last places in the world where one would expect to hear the cry of "Votes for Women" is in Persia, and yet, the idea has been seriously suggested in the Persian Parliament. Another proof has been afforded of the world-wide character of the feminist movement, which is progressing in the East as well as the West.

—Newcastle Daily Mail.

Referring to the different explanations given with regard to the Mystery Ships the *Newcastle Daily Journal* says:—"The most daring explanation of all is that one of the vessels, at any rate, has been designed by Welsh friends of the Chancellor to bear him safely out of reach, during the autumn recess, of Miss Christabel Pankhurst and her sister suffragists."

THE WRITTEN LAW.

In her article, "The Written Law," in our issue of July 21, Mrs. Lawrence referred to a case at Bathford, in which a publican's son, who murdered his illegitimate child, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division. The leniency shown in this case was so extraordinary as compared with the sentences on women, that one or two correspondents have written to ask for full particulars, as they desire to verify the matter. For a full report of the case we are glad to refer these correspondents to the *Bath Herald* of February 2 (p. 6), February 3 (p. 6), February 13 (p. 7), February 25 (p. 7), and June 10 (p. 7).

There is unfortunately no lack of parallel cases. They may be found almost daily in the newspapers.

What is Cruelty?

A correspondent sends us a case reported in the *Western Daily Mercury* of September 2, in which the decision of the magistrates is almost incredible. We will, however, merely give the facts without comment. After six months of marriage a young woman applied for a separation order. It was alleged that her husband called her foul names, had threatened to kill her, and once locked her out so that she was forced to spend the night in a cow-house, and had on another occasion threatened her with a gun. One night, it was alleged, he horsewhipped her so that she retained the marks for several days. On another occasion he threw her down the steps; he had also made an abominable accusation against her. The husband's counsel submitted that the alleged acts of cruelty were very trivial, and although, he it noted, they were not

WOMEN'S TAX RESISTANCE LEAGUE AND MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

A good instance of how the voice of women is not heard is the treatment of the Women's Tax Resistance League, which, on March 9 last, asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer to receive a deputation with regard to irregularities in the taxation of women. At Mr. Lloyd George's request, the League, on April 7, sent him the following particulars:—

Sir,—In reply to your letter of last month asking what points the Women's Tax Resistance League wishes to bring to your notice. We desire to see you:—

- (1) To ascertain how we can procure the protection of women from illegal and forcible distraint for the liabilities of their husbands, and to put before you certain illustrative facts. [Specific cases quoted.]
- (2) To ask you to prohibit the unauthorised demands of officials on women for taxes not due from them, and to show the extent to which such demands are made. [Specific cases quoted.]
- (3) To ask you to remedy the injustice by which, when abatement is claimed on a wife's income taxed at the source, it is refunded to the husband. [Specific cases quoted.]
- (4) To point out certain anomalies which may arise in consequence of your amendment to the law relating to super-tax in so far as it affects married women, and to ask you how you propose to deal with these. [Specific case quoted.]
- (5) To inquire whether a statement contained in a letter received from Somerset House, viz., "that the Crown does not recognise the Married Women's Property Act," is correct, and, if so, to ask you to explain what this implies.
- (6) To ascertain whether the oath taken by tax officials not to disclose official information is binding when the parties concerned are husband and wife. [Such a breach of the oath is known to have occurred.]
- (7) To ascertain from you the legality of taking cases in the High Court when the Taxes Management Act has provided for the summary dealing with such cases by the General Commissioner. [Specific case quoted.]
- (8) To ask you to arrange that married women shall be able to get full and reliable information as regards their liabilities, such information being persistently withheld by the officials at present.

Since that date no reply has been received.

WOMAN TOWN CLERK.

Miss Emily M'Sheehy, a girl of seventeen, has been appointed Town Clerk of Byron, New South Wales. Miss M'Sheehy acted as assistant to her father (the late Town Clerk) for a year or two, and did her duty so well that the Municipal Council unanimously elected her for the position. She is the youngest Town Clerk in the world.

Our members will be interested to know that Miss A. D. Corson, who for some time was Organiser at Northampton, was married last week to Mr. Harold Croft, an assistant master at the Northampton and County School. Miss Corson was one of those arrested on June 29, 1909, and was one of the first hunger strikers. Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Croft from the members of the W.S.P.U.

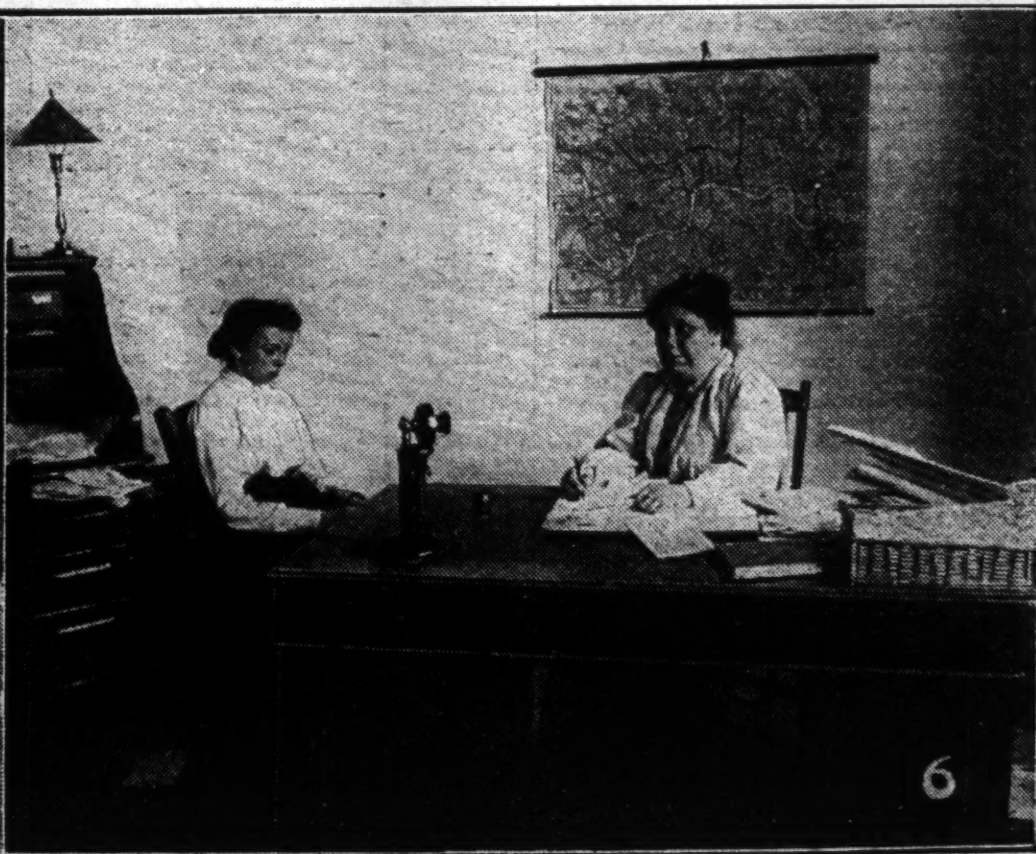
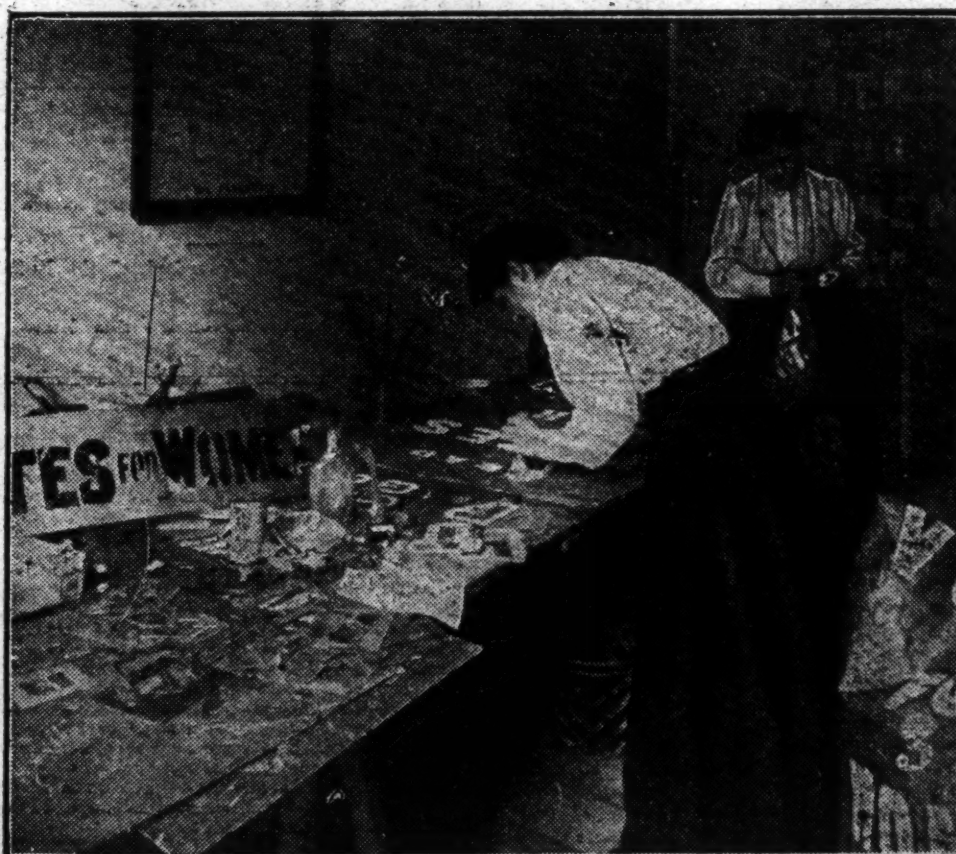
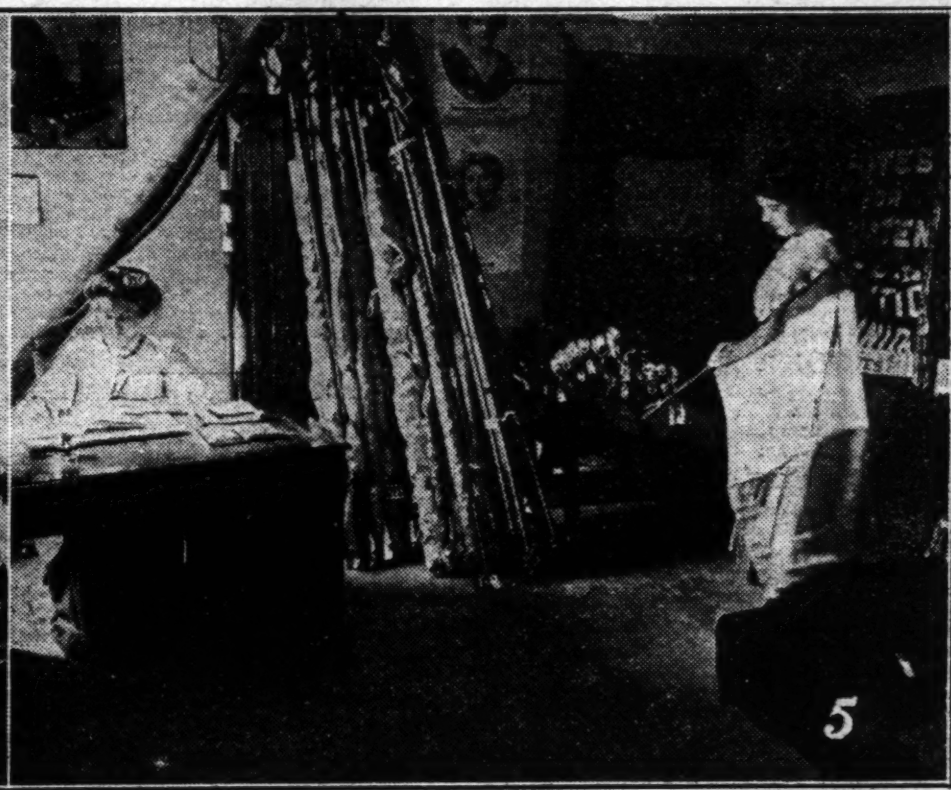
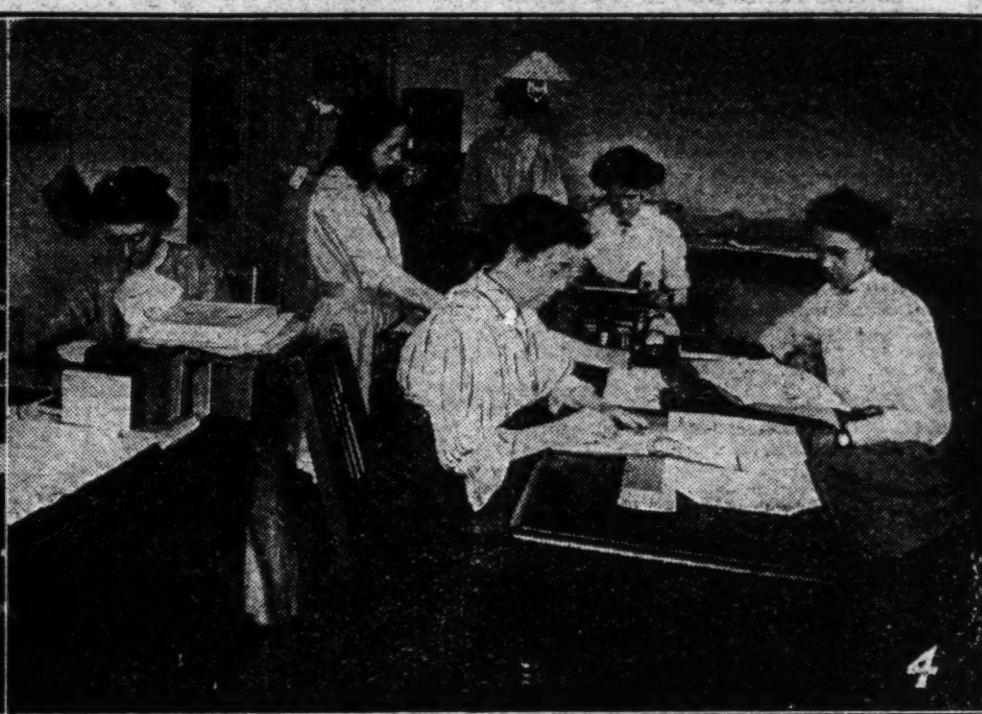
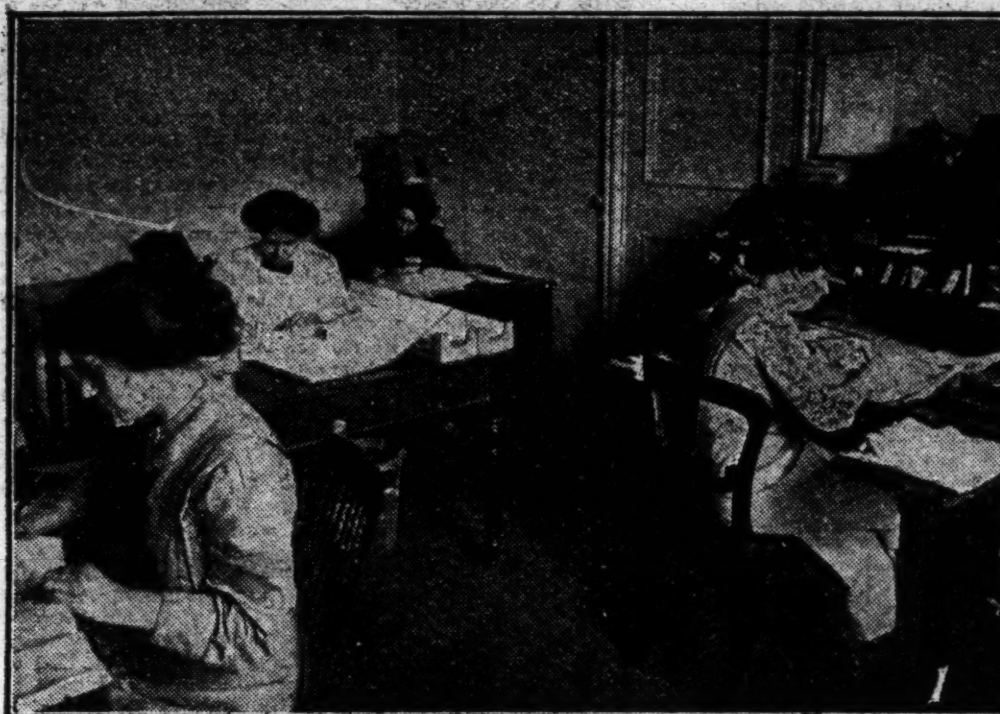
A member who is governess in a German family, and has very little news of the outside world, writes to say how much the reading of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* means to her every week. She is proud of the fact that the paper can be seen on her employer's library table. He is the "Landrat" of the district, and a member of the Prussian House of Commons, and is in favour of giving women the vote.

Mrs. Theresa H. Elmendorf, of the Buffalo Public Library, has been elected to the Presidency of the American Library Association. This is the first occasion that a woman has been elected to this office.

THE CASE OF MRS. MURPHY.

In the issue of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* for August 18, an account was given of the trial of Mrs. Margaret Murphy, who, under circumstances of acute misery and poverty, poisoned herself and her youngest child. It will be remembered that friends of this movement have kindly come forward with offers to help the woman and her children to start a new life under happier circumstances. Our present prison system merely saps the vitality and self-respect of the prisoner, and serves to degrade rather than to reform. Delay is therefore dangerous. A petition urging her release has been drawn up, and forms may be obtained from Miss Lennon, W.S.P.U., 14, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. This petition points out the exceptionally distressing circumstances under which the crime was committed.

OUTLYING DEPARTMENTS OF THE W.S.P.U. OFFICES.



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Last week we gave a description of the growth of the offices at Clements Inn, illustrated by photographs of some of them. This week we give a selection of six more, representing the Outlying Departments.

No. 1 shows the Financial Secretary's office on the second floor, shortly to be removed to the floor above.

No. 2 gives the Christmas Fête and Fair Department, accommodated in a room in Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's

flat, which was the original home of the W.S.P.U. in Clements Inn.

No. 3 is a photograph of a room in the Woman's Press, showing Miss Birnstingl (a voluntary worker who devotes her whole time to the Union) engaged in preparing a stencil advertisement.

No. 4 is that of one of the rooms in the record office where the files of newspapers are kept.

No. 5 is a photograph of a room in the Banner Department, where the Banner Secretary and a number of voluntary workers are constantly employed in making and repairing and despatching to various places the banners which are accommodated in the cupboards which line the walls.

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From the hour, the environment, and the charming feminine personality, one might well fancy that the next move will be an invitation to a cup of "five-o'clock tea."

But no Sherlock Holmes could make a guess wider from the facts. This pleasing young woman (says the New York Times) is no tea-pouring hostess welcoming gilded beaux to her hospitality. She is to-day the director of the United States Mint, and the apartment into which she welcomes her visitors is her private office in the Treasury building. She is still there at five o'clock, long after all her subordinates have left, because she always remains and checks over the day's work of the bureau—and she always stays until the check is satisfactory.

The young woman in question, Miss Margaret Kelly, occupies the enviable position of being the highest-salaried female official in the employ of the United States Government. But this fact does not so much entitle her to distinction as that, in her present position, she holds a place of responsibility that is second only to those of the Cabinet officers, a place that is so far above any other official position held by a woman that it may be said it is first—and there is no second.

From Stenographer to Director.

Miss Kelly, who has for years been employed in the Bureau of the Mint in the Treasury Department, has recently been promoted to be Assistant Director of the Mint. Almost immediately upon this appointment Director Roberts left for an absence of two or three months—during which time he will be thousands of miles from his office—and all its duties and responsibilities are being assumed by Miss Kelly. Miss Kelly's appointment was due to merit. After leaving her native hills of New Hampshire and obtaining the best education that the private schools of Boston could give her, she determined to make her own way in the world, and turned to the Civil Service.

Passing the examination for stenographer fifteen years ago, she was at once appointed to a place in the office of the Appointment Clerk of the Treasury Department at Washington. After a year's service she was transferred to work as a stenographer in the Bureau of the Mint in the same department. Since that time she has remained in that bureau advancing steadily until she has now reached the highest point in it.

"In the fourteen years I have been in the Mint Bureau," she said, "I have held the position of stenographer, private secretary to the Director, adjuster of accounts, examiner, assistant director, and now that Director Roberts is absent I am Acting Director of the Mint—surely a most admirable record for one who fifteen years ago entered the service as a stenographer without influence to aid me."

Facts Concerning Her Work.

Her training has thoroughly qualified her for the duties she has assumed. "When I was private secretary to the Director, I had to know—well, had to know everything about the bureau, from auditing accounts to how to coin gold ingots into eagles," she said in discussing her schooling for her position. "Then, when I was examiner, my duties took me travelling all over the country to the various mints; sometimes I would go out to the Pacific Coast; oftentimes I have gone to the Philadelphia mint half a dozen times a month."

A cursory glance at the details of the bureau will make one more appreciative of the burden that is on this young woman's shoulders. There are three coinage mints, with their complicated business mechanism; and nine minor mints, where bullion is brought but no money coined. There are employed in the mint service more than 1,400 people, many of them experts detailed in a high class of scientific work, whose individual salaries are 5,000 dollars a year or more. Miss Kelly's salary is only 3,000 a year.

There was purchased by the various mints of the country last year about one hundred and fifty millions of dollars worth of gold and about one hundred and twenty-five millions of dollars coined. Of course there is a thorough system of book-keeping and accounting, the details of which Miss Kelly must keep at her fingers' ends, but there is in addition a "yearly settlement," as it is called, which she must closely superintend.

In this settlement everything pertaining to the mint, including not only the great heaps of gold coin and bullion stored away but every small instrument and utensil used in the mints must be accurately accounted for, lest Uncle Sam be the loser by small particles of gold dust, invisible to the naked eye, adhering to this or that utensil of humble wood or iron.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

- "The Foundations of Morality." By T. M. Nathubhoy, J.P. London: T. M. Nathubhoy. 1s.
- "Woman at Home," September. 4d. net.
- "Vocations of the Trained Women." By A. F. Perkins, A.M. London: Longmans, Green and Co. 6s. net. Vol. 1.
- "Labour Laws and Their Enforcement." By Susan M. Kingsbury, Ph.D. London: Longmans, Green and Co. 9s. net. Vol. 2.
- "The Living Wage of Women Workers." By Louise Marion Bosworth. London: Longmans, Green and Co. 5s. net. Vol. 3.
- "A Blood Moon." By Irene Osgood. London: Eyre and Spottiswoode. 2s. net.



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We have only to look back a little over a hundred years, to the beginning of last century, to find a world totally different from that which now surrounds us.

There were no railroads in those days, no motors, no steamboats, even stage coaches had only just begun to run; travelling from place to place was slow, laborious, costly and highly dangerous. There was no gas or electric light, no effective oil lamps and none but a few expensive wax candles; moreover, there were no matches nor any other sure and rapid means of kindling a flame; the great bulk of the people never saw any artificial light except that of the fire. Again, there was no telephone or telegraph, and the transmission of letters by "post" on anything like the scale of to-day was practically unknown. Manufacture by machinery and steam power was in its infancy, production was slow and costly, new clothing was a luxury to be

indulged in by the mass of the people only once or twice in a lifetime. In all these matters and in many others the nineteenth century produced a change far greater than had been effected in any previous thousand years. The history of the century is, in fact, a veritable "romance of progress" in the mechanical arts. This progress was largely the work of men; women's part in it was comparatively small.

In the new century, on the other hand, the part which women are destined to play is a very great one. For though further conquests over nature of far-reaching importance may be gained, yet it will not be for these that the twentieth century will be remembered in history, but for the solution of the great problems of human life, and this will be in the main the work of women.

Hitherto, while the genius and energy of men have been allowed free scope to develop in the interests of the progress of the race, the genius and energy of women have been cramped and prevented from being applied to reality. In consequence, much that is absolutely vital to the progress of humanity has been left undone. To-day, women are breaking their fetters, and very soon will be free to tackle the overdue problems which are awaiting them. Let us take a few examples.

In the case of the care of the family, the man's work is mainly that of production, the woman's mainly that of distribution. It is she who sees to it that each member has a fair share of the common stock and that the weak do not go to the wall. In the great world women have a similar work to perform. Everyone knows that it is wrong that, while there is abundance of wealth in the world, any human being should be compelled to work twelve hours a day, for a seven-days week, to earn a pittance of eight or nine shillings with which to try to keep herself and her children. Yet everyone knows that under the state of society which men have built up such a condition of affairs exists in countless instances. In spite of all our religion, our civilisation works out very little better than is described in the adage "Everyone for himself and the devil take the hindmost." Women are going to tackle and solve this problem of distribution.

Then again, women are the natural guardians of the young, and in the home it is they who stand between the little lives and the perils which surround them. But in the great world it is only in those countries where women have the vote that they have been able to guard the lives of the nation's children. Thus we have the appalling death rate in Great Britain of children under one year amounting to 110 out of every thousand born. In South Australia, on the other hand, owing to the wise laws that the women voters have secured relating to pure food and other matters, the infant mortality has dropped from being one of the highest to one of the lowest on record in the civilised world.

Finally, it is to women that we look individually for care and attention when sick in mind or body or when we have fallen out in the great race of life. How absurd it has been, therefore, to attempt to settle the great problems concerning these questions on a national scale without their advice, and without the driving power which their votes alone can give! As the result of our folly our poor law is an inhuman and costly failure, our mediæval prison system is a manufactory of criminals, while preventable diseases such as consumption still flourish in our midst.

The Woman's Movement of to-day means that women have decided that the time has come for them to tackle these and many other problems, and that in order to do so they must first win the weapon of the parliamentary vote. With this in their hand they will see to it that the historian of the twentieth century shall describe it as a "romance of progress" not merely in the world of material things, but in that vital and essential world of human and social life.

F. W. Pethick Lawrence

THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF FRENCHWOMEN.

By MRS. BELLOC LOWNDES.

At the present moment there is an epidemic in our Press of articles dealing with the Frenchwoman and French life, but very seldom is it that a French reader would recognise the picture presented as being a true one.

In all those superficial accounts of what is, after all, a very peculiar and most un-English civilisation, the writers scarcely ever allude to the one out-standing fact which governs the position—social, sentimental, religious and moral—of the average Frenchwoman. That is her economic independence, an independence not only secured to her in so far as such a thing can be secured by the laws of her country, but also, and this counts perhaps even more, by public opinion.

Consider the vast accumulated and widely distributed wealth of France—and when you think of it, remember that as regards inheritance the young women of France stand on exactly the same footing as do their brothers. No French father can make an "elder son," and public opinion forbids him to spend on his boy's education three times that which he spends on his girl's. Once we get above the very poorest, that is, the improvident class, every woman brings a dowry, small or large according to his own possessions, to her husband. That means that as a general rule—and the rule in these matters is so general that you might meet many an educated Frenchwoman who had never heard of an exception—husband and wife start equal in money, the woman, by reason of her property, being the man's partner in everything concerning the material side of their joint lives. This fact—and facts are stubborn things, as we all know—has led to various modifications of the French marriage laws. These laws are not fair or just to women. Napoleon, in his famous code, wished to limit the married woman's power, but owing to the fact that every bride brings money with her, the great majority of French marriages are entered into under the *regime de la communauté*, which means "share and share alike," and makes the wife sole mistress of the joint fortune—subject, of course, to her children's ultimate rights—should her husband pre-decease her.

It would be difficult to over-estimate the effect on French womanhood of this economic independence. It means that all the men brought in contact with women regard them quite differently, and what is more to the point, treat them quite differently from the way the Englishman or the American considers and treats women in the mass.

Money is power. Frenchwomen possess that power; and if they lack it they are aware that they had best try and acquire and store it. Every French woman servant has savings, often very considerable savings, and if you talk to her you will find that she hopes in time to start some kind of business in her native place, where, as often as not, "les vieux," as she calls her parents, are already running some prosperous little concern of which she will, of course, in time inherit her share. Often she is a married woman, and her husband is earning and saving on his side as she is on hers.

I notice with amazement that English writers imagine that the French girl has only lately taken to work. That is far truer of her English sister. The French girl, if born in an industrious home, always worked, not always, or perhaps not generally, away from her parents, but invariably at some money-making occupation. If there is land, the sons and daughters both labour, taking equal shares in what is often very hard work; if the parents, on the other hand, are engaged in business in a town, the daughter is generally trained as a book-keeper or to become "first hand" in one of the departments of the shop.

This being so, it makes a French reader smile to read of a "demoiselle" obtaining her dear papa's permission "to work as English girls do." It is true that most French parents would make a sacrifice to prevent their cherished daughter from going out to earn her living among complete strangers, but that, fortunately as I think, has not yet become a custom of the country, partly because, strange as it may seem to us, it is the married woman and the widow who are, as a rule, engaged in public Government and office work. French public opinion considers that a young girl—say any girl under twenty—is better at home than among strangers, the majority of whom are likely to be men.

English people, both men and women, have an impression that sex plays an extraordinary part in French life. It has become a truism to say that this impression is due to the general trend of French fiction. The

French writer, unlike the English writer, finds set up no barrier of public opinion, still less any censorship, as to his possible choice of subject. This being so, he not unnaturally chooses what is, after all, the greatest drama-producing factor in civilised life, that is—sex.

But if we are dealing with life as it is lived day by day in France, and not with the imaginary creations and dramatic visions of artists, who are all more or less abnormal human beings, it is singular how free is French life from the pervading influence of sex. The woman, however young and pretty she may be, who is engaged in any kind of business in Paris is seldom made to feel by the man with whom she comes in contact over that business that she is a woman and he is a man.

In saying this I do not wish it to be thought that the question of sex obtrudes itself unpleasantly in English business circles, but I do assert, and I do not think any woman who has ever done business in this country is likely to contradict me, that in England the business woman is almost invariably treated as an amateur. An Englishman, when he is about to do business with her, seems to think that she will either try to "best" him because she is a woman, or, more often, that he will find it easy to "best" her for the same reason—all in a friendly and pleasant way, of course!

In Paris the business woman is treated as a brain, and no one inquires whether the brain in question is a masculine brain or a feminine brain. This, no doubt, is why French women are so successful in every kind of money-making work to which they apply their minds, and why the best business partner a Frenchman can have is generally accounted to be his wife.

When the harbour-master of Honfleur died many years ago, his widow succeeded him to that important post without a single protest being raised, though her promotion must naturally have disappointed a good many Honfleur men.

The homage paid to feminine all-round ability in France is shown in a thousand ways affecting the daily life of the woman worker. In England the girls employed in shops are obliged to live in. In France that system—to my mind a hateful and an unnatural system—is unknown, in a great measure because most of the "young ladies" working in such establishments as the Bon Marché, the Louvre, the Galeries Lafayette, and so on, are married women.

This brings us again to the delicate question of married women's work. The young Frenchwoman, if she has worked before marriage—ay, and often when she has not worked before marriage—goes on working, or begins to work, after it. A husband and wife are constantly employed in the same business house (for employers encourage marriage among their employees), and this is an excellent thing, for the slave-driving French overseer or shopwalker knows that his victim has an ally close by who will take his or her part as only a husband or a wife can take it.

A DREAM.*

"I thought I stood on the border of a great desert, and the sand blew about everywhere. And I thought I saw two great figures like beasts of burden of the desert, and one lay upon the sand with its neck stretched out, and one stood by it. And I looked curiously at the one who lay upon the ground, for it had a great burden on its back, and the sand was thick about it, so that it seemed to have piled over for centuries.

And I looked very curiously at it, and there stood one beside me watching. And I said to him, "What is this huge creature who lies here on the sand?"

And he said, "This is woman; she that bears men in her body."

And I said, "Why does she lie here motionless with the sand piled round her?"

And he answered, "Listen; I will tell you! Ages and ages long has she lain here, and the wind has blown over her; the oldest, oldest man living has never seen her move: the oldest, oldest book records that she lay here then, as she lies here now, with the sand about her. But listen! Older than the oldest book, older than the oldest recorded memory of man, on the Rocks of Language, on the hard-baked clay of Ancient Customs, now crumbling to decay, I found the marks of her footsteps! Side by side with his who stands beside her you may trace them; and you know that she who now lies there once wandered free over the rocks with him."

And I said, "Why does she lie there now?"

And he said, "I take it, ages ago the Age-of-dominion-of-muscular-force found her, and when she stooped to give suck to her young and her back was broad, he put his burden of subjection on to it, and tied it on with the broad band of Inevitable Necessity. Then she looked at the earth and the sky, and knew there was no hope for her; and she lay down on the sand with the burden she could not loosen. Ever since she has lain here. And the ages have come, and the ages have gone, but the band of Inevitable Necessity has not been cut."

And I looked and saw in her eyes the terrible patience of the centuries; the ground was wet with her tears, and her nostrils blew up the sand.

And I said, "Has she ever tried to move?"

And he said, "Sometimes a limb has quivered. But she is wise; she knows she cannot rise with the burden on her."

And I said, "Why does not he who stands by her leave her and go on?"

And he said, "He cannot. Look—"

And I saw a broad band passing along the ground from one to the other, and it bound them together.

"He said, "While she lies there he must stand and look across the desert."

And I said, "Does he know why he cannot move?"

And he said, "No."

And I heard a sound of something cracking, and I looked and I saw the band that bound the burden on to her back broken asunder; and the burden rolled on to the ground.

And I said, "What is this?"

And he said, "The Age-of-muscular-force is dead. The Age-of-nervous-force has killed him with the knife he holds in his hand; and silently and invisibly he has crept up to the woman, and with that knife of Mechanical Invention he has cut the band that bound the burden to her back. The Inevitable Necessity is broken. She might rise now."

And I saw she still lay motionless on the sand, with her eyes open and her neck stretched out. And she seemed to look for something on the far-off border of the desert that never came. And I wondered if she were awake or asleep. And as I looked her body quivered, and the light came into her eyes, like when a sunbeam breaks into a dark room.

I said, "What is it?"

He whispered, "Hush! the thought has come to her, 'Might I not rise?'"

And I looked. And she raised her head from the sand, and I saw the dent where her neck had laid so long. And she looked at the earth, and she looked at the sky, and she looked at him who stood by her; but he looked out across the desert.

And I saw her body quiver; and she pressed her front knee to the earth, and veins stood out; and I cried, "She is going to rise!"

But only her sides heaved, and she lay still where she was.

But her head was held up; she did not lay it down again. And he beside me said, "She is very weak. See, her legs have been crushed under her so long."

And I saw the creature struggle; and the drops stood out on her.

And I said, "Surely he who stands beside her will help her?"

And he beside me answered, "He cannot help her; she must help herself. Let her struggle till she is strong."

And I cried, "At least he will not hinder her! See, he moves farther from her, and tightens the cord between them, and he drags her down."

And he answered, "He does not understand. When she moves she draws the band that binds them, and hurts him, and he moves farther from her. The day will come when he will understand, and will know what she is doing. Let her once stagger on to her knees. In that day he will stand close to her, and look into her eyes with sympathy."

And she stretched her neck, and the drops fell from her. And the creature rose an inch from the earth and sank back.

And I cried, "Oh, she is too weak! she cannot walk! The long years have taken all her strength from her. Can she never move?"

And he answered me, "See the light in her eyes!"

And slowly the creature staggered on to its knees.

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OUR POST BOX.

AN APPEAL TO TEACHERS.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors.—The Executive of the N.U.T. is sending to the local Associations the following resolution in order that, if sufficiently supported, it may appear on the agenda of and be carried by the Hull Conference at Easter, 1912:—

"That this Conference expresses its sympathy with those members of the N.U.T. who desire to possess and exercise the Parliamentary Franchise, but, because they are women, and for that reason alone, are debarred, by law, from it."

Suffragette members of the N.U.T. should make a point of attending the Quarterly Meetings of their local associations and of urging all sympathisers to do likewise.

It will carry great weight with the members present if the above resolution is moved and seconded by active N.U.T. workers. Suffragettes will be able to render effective service by joining in the debate later on and replying to arguments against us.

We shall be told that the Union should not touch politics. But though it may be wise for the Union to avoid party politics, it must concern itself with Parliamentary doings.

Parliament decides on issues which vitally affect us as teachers throughout our career, and which affect the present and future welfare of our scholars. For example—it decides on the nature and duration of the training given to student teachers—the nature of examinations which will admit to college—the training to be received therein—it grants and withdraws the certificate enabling us to teach—decides the amount of our superannuation and breakdown allowances—frames codes which deal with the kind of instruction to be given in our schools—appoints inspectors to see that their regulations are carried out—decides on maximum number of children that a teacher may be called on to instruct—deals with school buildings—ventilation—floor space—playground accommodation—heating—lighting—conditions of grant for housewifery, cookery, laundry, needlework. These last-named are surely things on which women should have the deciding voice—and, as women form the large majority of the teaching profession, all the above items concern them more than they do the men teachers. The age at which children may leave school, or may obtain half time certificates, the establishment and regulation of evening and continuation schools are among other things with which the House of Commons has to deal.

And, surely, our interest in our scholars does not cease when they leave the school. We desire that conditions of their future lives shall be such as will at least give them a chance of happiness and prosperity.

Sweated labour—housing questions—factory and workshop regulations—provision of open spaces, and of facilities for healthful and innocent recreation—removal of temptations from the path of our young people—and the ensuring that the ruin of a girl shall not be regarded as deserving less punishment than an offence against property—these are our concern.

If the N.U.T. is not to touch politics—why do we have teachers' representatives in Parliament? Again—why has each local association Parliamentary correspondents?—And why are the men chosen for this latter office selected from among the voters of the constituency—for the reason that their influence on the M.P.'s to whom they have to write shall be effective?

Injustice to women teachers is greater now than at Easter last, as they now have to share in paying the £ 00 salary to M.P.'s. Let me appeal to members to work hard for the suffrage cause in their own Union.—Yours etc., W. A.

THACKERAY'S WOMEN.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors.—I don't think there is any doubt as to what Thackeray's attitude towards Woman Suffrage would have been had he lived in these times. I was very much struck on re-reading "Henry Esmond" lately by several passages in it which I consider have a direct bearing on this subject. I quote two. In describing the estrangement between Lady Castlewood and her husband he says:—"She had been my lord's chief slave and blind worshipper. Some women bear further than this, and submit not only to neglect but unfaithfulness too; but here this lady's allegiance had failed her. Her spirit rebelled and disowned any more obedience." From the context I think it is pretty clear that Thackeray was no admirer nor advocate of the submission which was preached and expected in those days. Further on we find Lady Castlewood saying:—"The men who wrote your books," says my lady, "your Horaces, your Ovids and Virgils, as far as I know of them all thought ill of us, as all the heroes they wrote about used us basely. We were bred to be slaves always; and even of our own-times, as you are still the only law-givers, I think our Sermons seem to say that the best woman is she who bears her chains most gracefully. 'Tis a pity there are no nunneries permitted by our Church. Beatrix and I would fly to one and end our days in peace there away from you." "And is there no slavery in a convent?" says Esmond. "At least, if women are slaves there no one sees them," answered the lady. "They don't work in street gangs with the public to jeer them; if they suffer they suffer in private. Here comes my lord home from hunting. Take away the books, my lord does not love to see them."—Yours, &c., Y. A. JOHN.

DOES A MAN KEEP HIS WIFE?

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors.—The interesting article by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, published in your paper a short time ago, was brought to my mind on visiting our workhouse last week, where a man and his five children are being supported at present by the ratepayers, simply and solely because the wife is dead. The man is an agricultural labourer and his wife died three years ago, leaving him with five young children, the two eldest of which are boys. His wages were too low to admit of his paying a woman to take charge of his family and although he did his best and gave them food, they ran wild, became dirty and neglected, and in consequence in a short time he had notice to leave his cottage. He could not obtain another so lost his work and had to go into the workhouse, taking his five children with him. There seems no way out of the difficulty, as the law does not allow him to leave the workhouse unless he takes his family with him. The enormous value of the work done for the State by the wives of working men surely entitles them to more consideration and help than Mr. Lloyd George gives them in his Insurance Bill.—Yours etc., C. E. MARTIN, Wellington, Somerset.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND FÊTE.

December 4 to 9.

There have been few rôles that the Suffragettes have not filled within the past five years, and the Christmas Fair and Fête at the Portman Rooms, Baker Street, on December 4 to 9, will provide them with a new one. As Shakespeare's Autolycus, they will have an opportunity of singing:—

"Lawn as white as driven snow,
Cyprus black as e'er was crow;
Gloves as sweet as damask roses,
Masks for faces and for noses;
Bugle bracelet, necklace amber,
Perfume for a lady's chamber;"

but if they wish to carry out this rôle successfully they must start to work now and provide the wherewithal. For still the following stalls have to be stocked, and members are urged to decide definitely at once what gifts they will guarantee and what they will do. Those who cannot undertake to give can undertake to work. All are needed, and are needed now.

STALLS ALREADY TAKEN.

ARTS AND CRAFTS..... Chelsea W.S.P.U.
ANTIQUES..... Mrs. Thomas, Hanover Park, Newport, Mon. West of England.
BASKET AND LEATHER BAG STALL.....
BLOUSES..... Islington and Reading W.S.P.U.
BOOKS..... Kensington.
CHRISTMAS FARE AND FARM PRODUCE..... Mrs. Marshall, Ipswich W.S.P.U.
FLOWERS..... Paddington W.S.P.U.
CUSHIONS AND MATS..... Wimbledon W.S.P.U.
CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, CAKES, BREAD AND REFORM FOOD..... Greenwich and Deptford W.S.P.U.
CURIOS AND BRIC-A-BRAC..... Miss Wilson, 34, Ambleside St., Streatham, Leicester W.S.P.U.
DRESSES, DJIBBAHS, & OVERALLS..... W. Croydon W.S.P.U.
GUESSING AND COMPETITION.....
HOUSE LINEN..... Leeds W.S.P.U.
HOUSEHOLD AND FURNISHING..... Hertfordshire W.S.P.U.

JEWELLERY AND GLASS..... Birmingham W.S.P.U.
LEADLESS GLAZE: CHINA..... N.W. London, Portsmouth and Southampton W.S.P.U.
LACE, EMBROIDERY, AND ART METAL..... Brighton W.S.P.U.
MANY INVENTIONS..... Bath W.S.P.U.
LITERATURE..... Woman's Press
LUCKY TOBS AND WAXEN FIGURES..... Mrs. East and Miss L. Tyson.
MILLINERY..... Mrs. Reginald Pott, 11, Seardsdale Villas, Kensington.
OLD FOLKS' STALL..... Putney and Fulham W.S.P.U.
POTTERY AND CHINTZ..... Hampstead W.S.P.U.
PARCELS..... Bowes Park W.S.P.U.
SOAP, SCENT, AND HAND-KERCHIEFS..... Canterbury and S. Kent W.S.P.U.
SWEETS..... Miss Buriel Thompson, Streatham W.S.P.U.
TOYS..... Stratham W.S.P.U.
UNDERCLOTHING..... Nottingham W.S.P.U.
WELSH STALL.....
SPECIAL COLOURS..... Woman's Press

Consolation prizes will, in addition, be given for the best out of every twenty dolls or toys.

CONDITIONS.

- (1.) The Two Competitions are open to all.
- (2.) Dolls.—Dolls must be dressed either: (a) as Historical Characters, (b) in National Costume, (c) as Nursery Rhymes.
- (3.) Toys.—Toys may be of any description. Points will be given for originality and workmanship.
- (4.) The name and address of the competitor, enclosed in a sealed envelope, must accompany each doll or toy, to which must be attached a label bearing the name or description of the doll or toy, and this name or description must also be written upon the outside of the sealed envelope.
- (5.) An entrance fee of 6d. must be enclosed with doll or toy.
- (6.) Parcels must be addressed "To the Competition Secretary," Miss Leonora Tyson, 37, Drewstead Road, Streatham, London, S.W., and must be sent in not later than Thursday, November 30.
- (7.) Dolls and toys will be judged by a specially elected Committee of Six Members—none of whom shall be eligible as competitors, and Prizes will be allotted according to merit, originality and good workmanship, irrespective of value.
- (8.) Dolls and toys sent in for competition become the property of the Toy Stall, and after being exhibited will be sold at the Fair and Fête.

An excellent start was made at the first work party last Friday, for further parties see programme. Miss McClelland and Miss Young are thanked for the loan of several useful patterns of prettily-dressed dolls. Patterns of toys are specially appealed for. Funds for the purchase of materials are badly needed.

Chelsea members have undertaken the Arts and Crafts stall, and they are asked to make this widely known. Promises of contributions should be sent in at once to the hon. sec., 308, Kings Road.

No article should be sold from any stall except as clear profit to the funds of the Union, and no agreement with manufacturers or others as to percentages can under any circumstances be allowed.

NEARING ANOTHER THOUSAND.

All of those interested in VOTES FOR WOMEN will be glad to see the circulation going up in this steady way week by week. It is all due to the work of individual members who, at work and at play, are ever ready to convert a friendly sympathiser into a regular weekly subscriber to the paper. Those who have sent in names of new subscribers must feel proud to know that they are rendering a most valuable service to the Union. It is to be hoped that the total now reached will, before long, run into four figures. One member writes: "I met two ladies at a hotel who seemed interested. I persuaded them to become new subscribers, and have pleasure in enclosing their names." Another member tells of two people who buy the paper from her weekly. One is her servant, who has given up taking another paper in order to take VOTES FOR WOMEN, while the other is a coachman at a hotel, who, being given a copy one day by a lady he was driving to the station, became interested and ordered the paper regularly. Though he has now left the town he still wishes it to be sent to him. This correspondent concludes by saying that though it is little more than a village she can easily sell twelve copies weekly. Are there not some others who might do the same?

Already acknowledged... 805
Miss M. Anderson..... 1
Miss M. H. Baker..... 1
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Anon..... 1
Miss A. E. Burch..... 1
Mrs. Chance..... 2
Miss A. L. Durham..... 2
Mrs. E. Hutchinson..... 1
Mrs. M. H. Mackworth..... 1

Mrs. Merryweather..... 1
Miss G. Naylor..... 2
Miss E. O'Connor..... 1
Miss F. M. Russell..... 1
Mrs. Roy Rothwell..... 10
Miss A. E. Smith..... 1
Mrs. Sanders..... 1
Miss A. E. Tollmacho..... 1
Miss C. Wroughton..... 2

Members who have obtained new readers who get their papers from local newspapers..... 179
Already acknowledged..... 2
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Miss A. H. Farmer..... 3
Miss M. G. Paster..... 1
Miss M. G. Regan..... 3
Mrs. Ferraro..... 4
Miss Lennor..... 1
Miss E. K. Russell..... 1

MAN versus WOMAN.

Great interest and surprise has been aroused recently by the cricket match played between a women's eleven of Forest Hill and a team of men from the same district. The match was a most exciting one, and the women claimed the victory by seven runs. In commenting on the game the *Standard* says: "The men, it is true, were handicapped in the orthodox way, but through this handicap the merit of the victory, it still remains an astounding performance."

WOMAN GRAB-GROWER.

Near Moose-Jaw, in Canada, a Miss Hillman, who was formerly a journalist, is the active head of a profitable farm of nearly two thousand acres. Although she was ignorant of farming when she began, and her capital was very limited, she now ranks as one of the largest grain-growers in the district. Miss Hillman says that what she has done can be done by any girl working on a small salary.

WOMEN HEROES.

One of the most noteworthy feats of bravery performed recently was that of Miss Alice Winterbon, a fourteen year old heroine, at St. Lawrence Bay. Miss Brown, sister of the Rector of Tillingham, was bathing, and swam out some distance. When about forty yards from the shore she turned faint, and cried for help. Some children on the beach tried to reach her, but found the water too deep, and she became unconscious and sank. As she came to the surface Alice Winterbon arrived, and, grasping the situation, dived in. Seizing Miss Brown by the shoulders, the girl with a great effort managed to bring her to the shore, swimming foot by foot until she drew her heavy burden from the water. At first it was feared that Miss Brown was dead, but a nurse applied artificial respiration, and after some time she recovered.

"The name of Annie Mackenzie is one which I, at any rate, shall always revere," said the magistrate at Marylebone recently, when three men were charged with assaulting the police. Shortly before midnight on Thursday, August 17, a police-constable saw the prisoners fighting, and on his intervening they attacked him, threw him to the ground, and kicked him. The policeman blew his whistle for assistance, but although a large crowd collected no one went to his help, until Annie Mackenzie, of 43, Brindley Street, left her house, and, making her way through the crowd, rendered him valuable assistance. Mr. Denman, the magistrate, remarked that the case was both instructive and interesting. "Many men," said he, "were among the crowd, but no one surely would call them men again or acknowledge them as Englishmen, when all that they did was to stand and look on while a woman played their part, and went to the help of the imperilled officer." He congratulated her upon her pluck, and said that "the public ought to be most grateful to her for showing such courage." Mrs. Mackenzie has since been the recipient of a substantial sum of money subscribed by people all over the country, and also of a grant from a fund at the disposal of the Commissioner of Police.

Another woman, Mrs. Ellen McCarthy, also went to the assistance of the police when men stood idly by. At Salmon's Lane, Limehouse, three men broke into a shop, and stole a bicycle and other articles. The men were members of a dangerous gang called "The Forty Thieves," and it was almost impossible to get witnesses to come forward. In this case Mrs. Ellen McCarthy, who lived over the premises, not only sent for the police, but attended the court and gave evidence, in spite of the fact that she was threatened. Mr. Wallace, K.C., complimented her on her courageous conduct, and awarded her 10s. besides her expenses.

A thrilling story illustrating how a woman can defend herself, was told by Miss Victoria Sparks in the Yorkville Court, New York, recently. Attacked by footpads, Miss Sparks and a friend, Alfred Drake, put up a good fight. But after some time, Mr. Drake was worsted in the struggle. Hearing his shout, Miss Sparks ran to his help, and arrived just in time to save him from a blow of a blackjack. With one hand she caught the highwayman's waist, and with the other swung on him with all her might. Her fist landed in his right eye, and he went down like a stone. Drake, who had been choked until he was blue in the face, could give no assistance, but Miss Sparks was quite a match for her opponent. Every time he tried to get up she hit him, and at last gave him one final blow on the jaw. She then sat on him and waited until the police arrived.

An English girl, Miss Clayton, in the service of a local merchant at Cherbourg, has gained an enviable notoriety by her recent brave action, when she noticed a child of three fall into the sea. It was high water at the time, and the little one was in great danger, but Miss Clayton, fully clad as she was, plunged into the water and swam to the child's rescue.

Miss Lily Boltwood, the servant girl who recently saved two children who were imprisoned in a burning room at Chesnut, has been presented with a silver watch and a cheque for £22s. by the Royal Society for the Protection of Life from Fire.

It is not only recently that women have done deeds of bravery and shown initiative and pluck in the same degree as men. Thirty years ago, on July 6, Kate Shelley, then a young girl of sixteen, lived with her people on the banks of Honey Creek, Iowa. During the night one of the worst storms Iowa had ever experienced broke over the country, and swept away the railway bridge. Kate Shelley, watching the storm from her father's cottage, saw an engine with its human freight plunge into the seething waters. Realising that an express passenger train was about due, Kate ran out, and, in the teeth of the rain and storm, ran along the track towards the next station to the west, crawling across the Des Moines river bridge on hands and knees, and warned the night operator of the accident. The passenger train, through the brave action of the girl, was saved. When Kate Shelley reached her home she found that in her absence her father, who was on another engine, had also been hurled to death. On July 6, 1911, Kate Shelley lay dying in the Iowa Hospital.

Miss Helen Lang, 19 years of age, while taking an early morning walk in New York City, was, says the *New York Herald*, recently attacked by a highway robber. Finding a man was following her, Miss Lang demanded his business. In reply he sprang upon her. But she was too quick for him, and dealt the man some heavy blows with her cane. A severe tussle ensued. But at last the girl, giving him a blow on the head, sent her assailant to the ground, and as he tried to rise, dealt him one blow after another until he fell almost unconscious to the pavement. As soon as he was able to do so the man got up and fled.

HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN.

Many interesting letters reach us of the splendid work done by individual members at home and abroad. One writing from France says she always wears her badge, and finds it rouses great curiosity and interest, and many Breton peasants listened to her explanation of what it was and meant.

MRS. PANKHURST'S SCOTTISH TOUR.

Miss Dugdale writes: We are slowly moving northward, and everywhere find interested and friendly audiences. At Kingussie we were fortunate in having in the chair Miss Grant, who told us of her experiences in India. At Grantown the Provost, who was to take the chair, was called away to attend to a case (he is a medical man), and his place was taken by Mr. George Harvey, a prominent Liberal, who supported the Conciliation Bill, and testified heartily to the efficacy of the militant tactics. Provost Barclay appeared later, and made a short speech at the end. The next day we came to Lossiemouth, near Elgin, a delightful Northern seaside resort. Visitors, crowded to the Town Hall, which was beautifully decorated, to hear Mrs. Pankhurst, who was introduced by the Rev. Norman Macleod. Ex-Provost Grant presided, and a number of prominent local ladies and gentlemen supported him on the platform, each wearing large satin badges in the colours. At first there was a somewhat hostile Liberal feeling from a minority in the hall, which Mrs. Pankhurst dealt with admirably and amid great applause. Mr. Rose, an Edinburgh Town Councillor, proposed the vote of thanks, and suggested the Forres Town Council should follow the excellent example of Edinburgh, and send a petition to Parliament in favour of the Conciliation Bill. At Nairn we were fortunate in having the Rev. Dr. Pirie in the chair.

Pembrokeshire.

Organiser—Miss Rachel Barrett, Vine Cottage, Tenby.

The campaign closed with a successful week of meetings at Letterston, at B-rachah Chapel, Goodwick, at the National School, Milford Haven, and at Cosherton Village. Thanks to the Rev. George Thomas and his deacons, to Dr. Williams, of Drim, to the Vicar of Milford Haven, to Miss Howell, of Cosherton Works, for their kindness in arranging meetings and lending the chapel and National School. The audiences were most interested, and good collections were taken and the paper sold well. The organiser wishes to express her appreciation of the work done by local members and sympathisers in all the districts visited; to Miss Montgomery, who has accompanied her throughout the tour, and has proved a most able and reliable assistant; and to Mrs. Brice, who has shown great ability as a paper-seller.

PLYMOUTH.

A number of members and friends took part in the walk through Mt. Edgecumbe Park on Saturday last, and after a most enjoyable tea, at which plans for the winter were discussed, they adjourned to the beach and held a meeting. There was a large and appreciative audience of fisher folk, soldiers and visitors, and a resolution in favour of the Conciliation Bill was carried with only two dissentients. The stock of VOTES FOR WOMEN was soon sold out, and every scrap of literature distributed. Tomorrow (Saturday) members and friends are asked to go to Newton Ferrers, wearing their colours and carrying copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN to sell. Tea at Point House at 5 o'clock, after which an open-air meeting will be held. It is confidently expected that Miss Hatty Baker will be present. Trains leave Mutley for Steer Point at 10.55, 1.3, and 2.55. Further particulars can be had from Miss Phillips, 14, Tothill Avenue.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

By kind invitation of the Rev. Cecil Bayliss, B.A., and Mrs. Bayliss, a meeting was held at "Ashlet," Third Avenue, on Thursday, August 31, the Rev. Cecil Bayliss presiding. The room was filled with women and men eager to know more of the movement, and intensely interested in all that they heard. Miss Wolff Van Sandau and Miss Bland spoke. VOTES FOR WOMEN and other literature was sold. A meeting which was much appreciated was held in the grounds of Moore Place, by kind permission of Capt. Petavel on Saturday evening.

WEST AND NORTH KENT, AND THANET.

Organiser—Miss Evelyn Billing, 1, Dundonald Road, Ramsgate.

During the closing week of the Thanet holiday campaign, meetings were held in Herne Bay, Walmer, Ramsgate and in Broadstairs. Mrs. Arnett's speeches on sweating are always much appreciated. Thanks to Miss Fairfield (Golder's Green) who very kindly consented to speak at Walmer, and to Miss Hyrne (Herne Bay) who made all arrangements for the meeting. The Organiser's sincere thanks to Miss F. Baridge, Miss Hewitt, and especially Miss Hill, and others who in other places have helped with the various work connected with the campaign; also to Miss G. Harraden for getting up the Walmer meetings, and her kind hospitality to the speakers. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Violet Spender (Walmer), 68; Miss Yeoman (Tunbridge Wells), 10s.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Stratford Road. A good meeting was held in Barnet Market-place on Friday last, when the crowd was much interested in Miss Lennox's address, and many papers were sold. Members and friends would do well to follow the example of Mrs. Coleman, who arranged a most enjoyable musical evening at her house in August and took a collection of over ten shillings for the local W.S.P.U. Apart from the much-needed collection, a gathering of that kind helps also to bring new friends into the movement and to break through the prejudices of outsiders.

OHELSEA, BATTERSEA, KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—308, King's Road. Hon. Secs.—Miss Haig and Miss Blacklock. A splendid meeting was held on Sunday afternoon. Miss Ainsworth was in the chair and Miss Myers was the speaker, both having excellent hearings. A collection was taken and many copies of the paper sold. Miss Nina Boyle will speak in Battersea Park on September 17. Will members make a point of making this meeting widely known and of attending themselves? The secretaries will be glad to hear from members as soon as they return to town, so that autumn work can be arranged as quickly as possible. Miss Wolff Van Sandau will be glad of helpers for paper-selling at Knightsbridge pitch. Gratefully acknowledged, Mrs. Cox, 10s.

CROYDON.

Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 969 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall.

Members please note that the office is closed between 1 and 2.30 p.m. Work parties for the Dutch Market will be held at 2, Station Buildings every Monday evening at 8 p.m. and Wednesday afternoons at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the afternoon at 3d. per head. It is hoped members are taking advantage of the fruit season to make jam. A strong appeal is made for local speakers. The burden of the open-air campaign now falls upon two or three members only. Paper sales must increase this winter. Street-sellers are wanted, and the Paper Captain calls for volunteers. Many thanks to Mrs. Inglis for her splendid parcel of goods for the Dutch Market, and to Miss Inglis for her gift of home-made jam.

EALING.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road. Mrs. Fraser Forbes, 72, Argyle Road.

At last Tuesday's committee meeting it was arranged that a social meeting of members and friends should be held (by kind invitation of Mrs. F. Forbes) at 72, Argyle Road, on Tuesday, September 12, at 8 p.m. A Jumble Sale, to take place in October is being contemplated, and members are asked to contribute all they can. Names and addresses of those who could collect articles should be sent to Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road. Members regret the loss of their treasurer (Miss S. A. Turle), who is leaving Ealing. Will someone offer to fill the vacancy? Sunday's meeting on The Common, with Mrs. Bouvier as speaker, Mr. Tom Norris (chair), drew a most enthusiastic and interested crowd. VOTES FOR WOMEN was sold out. Three new members joined.

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Shop—908, Fulham Road. Hon. Secs.—Miss L. Cullen and Mrs. Roberts. Many thanks to the members who have kept the shop open part of each day throughout August. A committee meeting is being held this week to discuss autumn plans.

GREENWICH, DEPTFORD & WOOLWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Billingham, 7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E.

Members are urged to begin working for Miss Pankhurst's Woolwich Town Hall meeting on October 17, and to increase the sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN, especially by obtaining new regular subscribers. Jumble parcels will be welcome for the forthcoming sale. A vigorous open-air campaign will shortly be started, and members who can help at meetings should write to the Hon. Sec. Thanks to Mrs. Collins for placing VOTES FOR WOMEN in the Eltham Library.

HAMPTSTEAD.

Shop and Office—178, Finchley Road. Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Hicks and Miss C. Collier. Friends are again reminded that the Sale of Holiday Work is fixed for Monday and Tuesday, September 18 and 19, at 178, Finchley Road. Useful garments of all sorts and few fancy articles are among the work sent in. Plans for the autumn session will be discussed at a Branch meeting on Friday next, September 15. A Whist Drive is fixed for Friday evening, September 22, at 33, Downside Crescent. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. The number of tickets will be limited. The money will go intact towards "material" fund for the Hampstead Stall at the Christmas Fête. Gratefully acknowledged towards shop expenses: Miss H. Weaver, 3s.; Miss F. Collier, 1s.; Miss O. Collier, 1s.; Mrs. Pletasser, 1s. (all weekly subscriptions).

HENDON AND GOLDSER GREEN.

Hon. Org. Sec.—Mrs. Wyatt, Derby House, Hendon. Office: 261, The Parade, Golders Green. The office and shop are again open daily. Members who have time to spare are asked to assist with the paper sales. A Rummage Sale will be held shortly. Parcels of goods should be addressed to Derby House, Hendon.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 68, Cranbrook Road. Miss Myers made a splendid speech on Saturday last, and deeply interested the large audience. The week's supply of papers was sold out. During the Secretary's absence Mrs. Crouch, 132, Wellesley Road, has charge of the papers.

ISLINGTON.

Office—347, Goswell Road, E.C. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley.

Now that holidays are over autumn work will start at once. The first open-air meeting will be held on September 13. Members are asked to attend and help by selling papers. Sellers are also wanted for Holloway Road pitch. Canvassing women householders, which has been carried on during August, will be continued vigorously during the autumn months, and Miss Bain will be glad of help.

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel. 3116 Western. Hon. Sec.—Miss Evelyn Sharp.

The shop has re-opened after the summer holidays, and a vigorous autumn campaign is anticipated. Will paper-sellers kindly resume work as soon as they return to town? Mrs. Postlethwaite or some other member of the Committee will always be in the office to answer inquiries or enrol new members. All members and friends are reminded of the Jumble Sale to be held early in the autumn, contributions to which (clothes, books, china, hardware, etc.) may be sent to Mrs. Sloane, 41, Lamborne Crescent, W. Funds are greatly needed for future work, and this is an easy way of helping the local campaign. Grateful acknowledgments to Miss L. Burke for donation of 2s. 6d.

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

September.					
Friday, 8	.....	New Barnet, The Triangle	Miss Elsa Myers	8 p.m.	
"	"	Stratford, E., The Grove	Miss Richard. Chair: Mrs. Whitten	8 p.m.	
"	"	Streatham, 37, Drewstead Road	Working Party	3 to 6 p.m.	
"	"	West Croydon, Katherine Street	Miss Hardy, Miss Leslie Hall	8 p.m.	
Saturday, 9	.....	Ilford, Balfour Road	Miss Gibbs, Miss Miller	8 p.m.	
"	"	North Islington, Crouch End Clock Tower			
"	"	Walthamstow, at foot of Second Avenue	Miss Elsa Myers	8 p.m.	
"	"	Wimbledon Broadway	Miss C. Hopkins	7.30 p.m.	
"	"		Mr. B. Duval, Mrs. Drummond.		
"	"		Chair: Mrs. Huggett	7 p.m.	
"	"		Mrs. Bouvier and others	6.30 p.m.	
Sunday, 10	.....	Catford, Tram Terminus		3 p.m.	
"	"	Clapham Common	Miss Elsa Myers. Chair: Mr. Chambers	6 p.m.	
"	"	Ealing Common		11.30 a.m.	
"	"		Mr. Arthur MacKintley. Chair:	3 p.m.	
"	"		Mr. Huggett	6 p.m.	
"	"	Hampstead Heath	Working Party	8 p.m.	
"	"	Streatham Common	Members' Meeting	8 p.m.	
"	"	Wimbledon Common	Miss Hopkins	8 p.m.	
Monday, 11	.....	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings	Mrs. Bouvier. Chair: Miss Leslie		
Tuesday, 12	.....	West Ealing, 72, Argyle Road	Hall	7.15 p.m.	
Wednesday, 13	Islington, Uppercross Corner	Working Party	3 to 6 p.m.	
"	"	Purley Tram Terminus	Working Party	2.30 p.m.	
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"	"	Streatham, 34, Hopton Road	Members' Rally	4.30 p.m.	
"	"	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings	Working Party	7.30 to 10 p.m.	
"	"	Wimbledon, 9, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway	Branch Meeting	7.45 p.m.	
Thursday, 14	.....	Streatham, 85, Stanthorpe Road	8 p.m.		
Friday, 15	.....	178, Finchley Road, Market Place	Miss M. Naylor, Chair: Miss Wingrove	8 p.m.	
"	"	High Barnet, Market Place	Working Party	3 to 6 p.m.	
"	"	Stratford, E., The Grove	Mrs. Cameron-Swan, Miss Hardy	8 p.m.	
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"	"	Streatham, 37, Drewstead Road			
"	"	West Croydon, Katherine Street			

LEWISHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier. Office—32, Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham. At Home, Tuesdays 2 to 5, and Thursdays 5 to 7 p.m. A large and attentive audience listened to Miss H. M. Townsend at the Catford Tram Terminus on Sunday last. Gratefully acknowledged: a Jumble Sale parcel, from Miss Shoklice. More parcels will be most welcome, and they should be sent (carriage paid) to Miss Leigh, 62, Manor Park, Lee. The secretary will be absent from home on Thursday, September 7.

PINNER.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Terrero, Rockstone House. A vast crowd gathered outside the Fire Station to hear Mrs. Drummond last Saturday evening. She gave a most interesting address on the subject of "Votes and Wages." Miss McClelland took the chair. All the papers were sold out.

RADLETT.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. White, Gravels. Will members desirous of forming a Radlett contingent to join the joint demonstration organised by the Letchworth W.S.P.U. and N.U.W.S.S., on September 30, please communicate with the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible?

STREATHAM.

Shop and Office—5, Shrubbery Road, Streatham. Hon. Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson.

Members are sorry to lose Miss Young (a most devoted member), who has been obliged to remove from the neighbourhood. It will not only be her untiring and ever ready help that will be missed, but her excellent example. Many thanks to Miss Irene Inchbold, who has already volunteered to take Miss Young's place on the paper pitch every Saturday morning, and also for the charming showcards she has painted for the shop window. Miss Ellison appeals urgently for shop-steward between the hours of 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Misses Eldridge and others have already sent in parcels for the Jumble Sale on September 25, for which many thanks. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Ruth Fraser, 3s.; Mrs. Tyson, 1s.; Mrs. Maycock, 1s.

Home Counties.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—8, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 4833 Nat. Organiser—Miss G. Allen.

During Miss Allen's absence on holiday, Miss Home, organising secretary at Worthing, has kindly consented to act as organiser. Week-end and other meetings will continue as usual. During the past week meetings have been held in Southwick and Rottingdean as well as on the "Level" and sea-front. Both Miss Kelly and Miss Naylor have had well-attended meetings. Paper-sellers are needed for the sea-front. Sea-front meetings, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 5.30 p.m., on Sunday at 12 o'clock.

EASTBOURNE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Sibella Jones, 10, Southfields Road.

Members, friends, and others are reminded that meetings will be held to-day (Friday), on the beach near the Eastern Band Stand, at 11.30 a.m., and 6.45 p.m., when the speaker will be Miss Evelyn Billing. Friday, September 15.—Near Eastern Band Stand, Miss Evelyn Billing, 11.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

READING AND NEWBURY.

Shop and Office—49, Market Place. Organiser—Miss Stella Fife.

The Shop re-opened on Monday, September 4. Will members who have returned from their holiday volunteer for open-air meetings, paper-selling, and looking after the Shop. Members are reminded that Reading has undertaken a share in the Blouse Stall at the Christmas Fair and Fête.

REDHILL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Richmond, Fengates House.

The meeting in Dorking High Street conducted by Lieutenant and Mrs. Cather attracted an interesting audience. All the copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold out.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—97, John Bright Street. Tel. 1443 Midland. Organisers—Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Hazel.

The office will be open on and after Monday, September 11, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. On and after Monday, September 25, it will be open as usual from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Will members volunteer for paper-selling as usual?

NOTTINGHAM.

Office—8, Carlton Street. Tel. 4511. Organisers—Miss Roberts and Miss Crocker.

The Shop is now open and members are asked to send in their promises for underclothes (adult) and haberdashery at once. Work parties will be organised and a fund is being started for materials. Subscriptions are urgently needed. Fortnightly At Home will be held during the autumn. Particulars will be given later.

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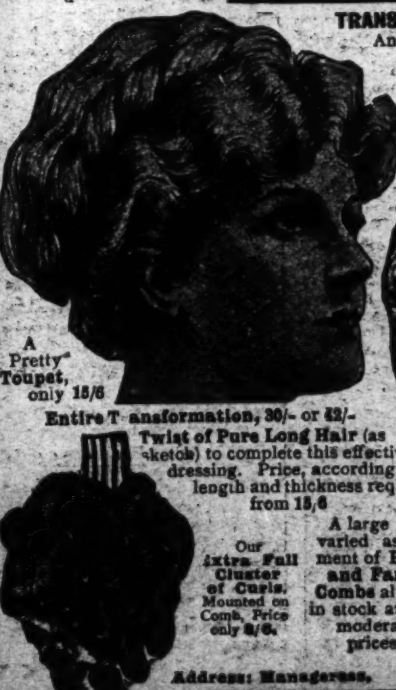
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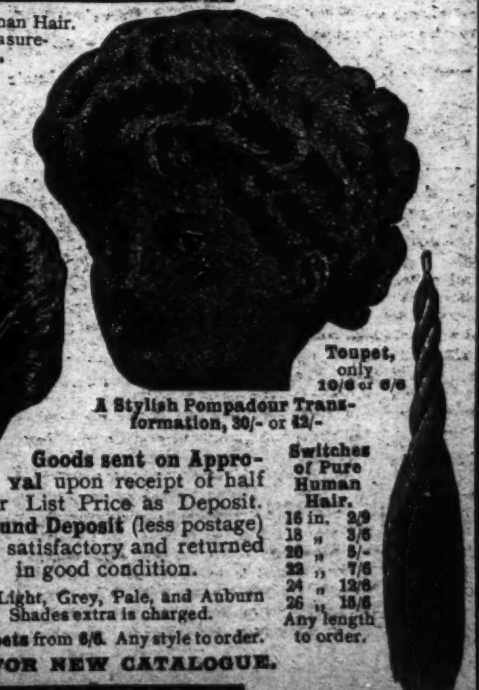
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Wales.
CARDIFF.

Hon. Sec.—Miss C. Speed, Elm Cottage, Llanishan
During the absence of the organizer, who is taking her holiday, Miss Speed, of Elm Cottage, Llanishan, will act as hon. sec. The literature secretary, Miss Price Tristram, Whitechurch, will be glad to hear from volunteers who will sell the paper, either in the streets or from door to door, or among their friends. Members will be interested to know that Miss Christel Finkhorst will speak at the Park Hall, Cardiff, on Thursday, November 30.

Shop—47, Rosemary Road.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Lilley, Holland House.

HALIFAX AND HUDDERSFIELD

Organiser—Miss Kay-Jones.
Sec.—Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT

SCARBOROUGH

Shop—30, Huntriss Row.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Sullivan, 12, New Queen Street.
Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marlon Mackenzie, 7, The Valley.
There was a good meeting on the platform on Saturday last. The speakers were well received in the chair, and Mrs. Richmond spoke. The number of men present was noticeable and the feeling of the audience was most sympathetic. The paper is selling well, and the sellers are always received with sympathy and respect, and many useful conversations result.

Office—2, New Street. Telephone, 992.

North-Western Counties.

HALE, ALTRINCHAM, AND DISTRICT.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Wild, 54, Look Road, Altrincham.
 An open-air meeting was held at Broadheath last Thursday evening. Miss Rose was the speaker. A good number of members attended to help and a fair number of VOTES for WOMEN were sold, and a good collection was taken. Please note: a members' meeting will be held at Mrs. Yates', Okenhurst, Harrop Road, Hale, to-morrow (Saturday), at 3 p.m.

MANCHESTER.
Hon. Sec. (pro tem).—Miss Mabel Capper, 21,
Oxford Road.

Members are reminded that they can meet each other at the above address from 7 to 10 o'clock each Friday evening until the general meeting on Sept. 25. The Dramatic Club also meets there every Tuesday, at 7 p.m. Members wishing to join are asked to communicate with Miss Capper. "How the Vote was Won" is being rehearsed, and it is hoped that it will shortly be ready for production.

WALLASEY.
Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Mahood, Burscough Bridge, Lanca.
Mrs. E. Heathcote, 21, St. Martins Lane, Liscaud.

A large and interested crowd listened to Miss Patricia McGhee and Miss Lee at New Brighton on Saturday afternoon, September 2. There was a good sale of VOTES for WOMEN, and nearly 200 Conciliation Bill leaflets were distributed. A general meeting was held on Friday last, when a report of the season's work was given, and the officers for the year elected. Both Miss Hoy, treasurer, and Miss McGhee, Lie. Sec., announced splendid results on their year's work. Mrs. P. Heahote announced the average sale of VOTES for WOMEN had reached eight dozens, not including twenty-six sent weekly by members to the leading men of the district, over 500 having been sent out in this way already, and posters were exhibited regularly in New Brighton, Egremont, Liscart, and Sealoe. Referring to the Conciliation Bill, she decided that all goods were to be sent to Miss Hoy, and finally dispatched to the general committee, who will distribute as they think fit. Miss Bond was elected VOTES secretary. Will members do all they can to help her in this important work? Photographs of groups of this season's Wallasey paper-sellers can be had from Miss McGhee, price 3d. each.

Saturday, September 9.—New Brighton Sands, Marine Parade, 3.30 p.m.

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.

Office—61, Nethergate. Organiser—Miss Fraser
Smith, M.A. Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

Members will note with satisfaction that the outside of the last year's Fresh Air Book of paint, and looks very much brighter and more attractive. The organiser will be glad to receive any contributions to defray the expense, which amounts to about £1. The office will be closed during the latter half of September, but there will be the usual stall at the Flower Market every Saturday from 2 p.m. till 10 p.m. Many thanks to all who have promised to sell papers during September, and it is hoped that the surplus will be dispensed of each week. Weekly meetings in the office will be resumed in October. Particulars will be given later.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.
Office—8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street.
Eben Scahill, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., F.R.G.S., F.R.A.C.S., F.R.A.M.S., F.R.I.C., F.R.O.C., F.R.F.P.S., F.R.C.T., F.R.C.S.D., F.R.C.S.N.Z., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), F.R.C.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Ireland), F.R.C.S. (Australasia), F.R.C.S. (Africa), F.R.C.S. (Asia), F.R.C.S. (Europe), F.R.C.S. (North America), F.R.C.S. (South America), F.R.C.S. (Australia), F.R.C.S. (New Zealand), F.R.C.S. (Africa), F.R.C.S. (Asia), F.R.C.S. (Europe), F.R.C.S. (North America), F.R.C.S. (South America), F.R.C.S. (Australia), F.R.C.S. (New Zealand).

Shop Secretary—Miss Edith Hudson.
Organiser—Miss Lilian Mitchell. Tel.: 6183 Central
The open-air campaign is still being carried on in and around Edinburgh, and VOTES FOR WOMEN are selling well. More speakers are asked to volunteer. Members returning from holiday are asked to visit the shop. Subscriptions are still being invited for the new sign-board. The Thursday evening meetings will recommence on September 14.
Friday, Sept. 8.—The Mound.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.
Shop and Office - 502, Sauchiehall Street.

Tel.: 618, Charing Cross, Organiser—Miss Wylie.
Miss Underwood wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all those who helped at Mrs. Pankhurst's meetings by selling tickets and stewarding. The Kilmarnock Burghs by-election will be the next event. Speakers, canvassers, and bill distributors are urgently needed. Will members call at the office and find out how they can help? An open-air meeting was held this week at Rutherglen. Gorrie very kindly came through from Edinburgh to speak, and Mrs. John, Miss Christie, Mrs. White, and Miss Rowan, sold papers. The audience was a good one.

CLERKS' W.S.P.U.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Phyllis Ayrton, 62, Edith Road, West Kensington. Miss Cynthia Maguire, 18, Carlton Vale, Walsby Vale, N.W.

Members are looking forward to hard work in the autumn, and the secretaries would be glad to hear from "Clerks" with a little time to spare. Even one hour a week would be appreciated. Paper-sellers are wanted for the Lurgate Hill and Liverpool Street pitches (in the evening).

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Telephone: City 5073.
Hon. Organising Sec., Victor D. Dunal

Important Notice.—We wish to warn members and other male sympathisers that in certain constituencies attempts have been made to get known Suffragists struck off the list of Parliamentary electors in their districts. As these objections are often raised on the flimsiest pretences, any member who receives notice of such an objection and wishes to know how to deal with the same is requested to communicate with our Hon. Parliamentary Sec., Mr. D. Cameron-Swan, at above address.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.
Office—Antient Concert Buildings, Ct. Brunswick
Street, Dublin.

During the month of August open-air meetings were regularly conducted in Kingstown and Phoenix Park. The credit is due to Mr. Keogh and Miss C. Sheehy, B.A., who respectively kept our flag waving almost single-handed at each pitch, owing to so many speakers being away on holidays. These meetings will be continued till the end of September, but the Kingstown meeting will be held at 4.30 p.m. instead of 7.30. Members are invited to attend the weekly workers' meeting on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m. so as to get into good working form for the coming session. In October, Mrs. B.A. will hold two very

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President—The Bishop of Lincoln.

A garden meeting will be held on Saturday, September 16 (3 to 8 p.m.); at 4, Priory Road, Key, by kind permission of Miss Hartley. This is a special effort, organised by Mrs. Clayton, Hon. Sec. of the Kew and Richmond branch, to help the General Fund. Members are asked to send contributions of saleable articles to Mrs. Clayton, Glengarriff, Kew Road, Richmond. Arrangements are well forward for Church Congress Campaign at Stoke-on-Trent. Lord Lytton has been Bishop of Lincoln have permission to speak. Suffragans in the neighbourhood of Stoke are earnestly asked to be 'in the campaign, and should communicate with Mrs. G. Rinscall. Offers of hospitality will be most acceptable.

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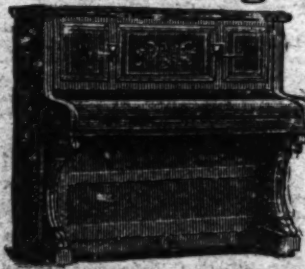
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